

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of the claims.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A toilet paper holder comprising:

a roll paper retainer including a back plate, a pair of holding members projecting forwardly from the back plate and having supporting members for rotatably supporting roll paper therebetween, and guide portions formed at ~~the~~ lateral sides of the holding members adjacent to the back plate, and

a holding plate for cutting roll paper, said holding plate including a rear plate extending parallel to the back plate and vertically slidably fitted in the guide portions, and an upper plate projecting forwardly from the rear plate to move vertically together with the rear plate and having a distal end portion positioned substantially on a line between the ~~rotatable~~ supporting members, ~~and a directly contact portion formed adjacent to the distal end portion and extending downwardly so that the distal end portion does not directly contact the roll paper.~~

5. (previously presented) A toilet paper holder according to claim 4, wherein said upper plate is immovably fixed to the rear plate and projects substantially horizontally relative to the rear plate.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A toilet paper holder according to claim 4, wherein said supporting members include pawl portions extending obliquely and facing each other.

8. (previously presented) A toilet paper holder according to claim 5, wherein said guide portions are formed on inner surfaces of the holding members adjacent to the back plate so that the holding plate moves vertically according to a size of the roll paper.

9. (new) A toilet paper holder according to claim 4, wherein said guide portions are grooves formed in the holding members.

10. (new) A toilet paper holder according to claim 9, wherein said rear plate has a length to move only along the guide portions without tilting relative to the back plate.

11. (new) A toilet paper holder according to claim 10, wherein said upper plate further includes a directly contact portion formed adjacent to the distal end portion and projecting downwardly from the upper plate so that the distal end portion does not directly contact the roll paper.

12. (new) A toilet paper holder according to claim 4, wherein said rear plate and said upper plate form an L-shape.